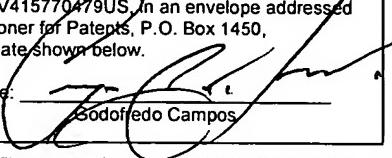


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a preliminary amendment to accompany the above-identified continuation application. The entire disclosure of the prior application, application serial no. 10/243,838 filed on September 16, 2002, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation application and is hereby entirely incorporated by reference.

The present application claims priority from European Patent Application No. 96305315.2 filed July 19, 1996, British Patent Application No. 9624909.9 filed November 29, 1996 and British Patent Application No. 9710394.9. All papers and documents required to make the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f) were filed in the grandparent case, which was U.S. Serial No. 09/051,147 on April 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,525,855.

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.